

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Cyril LINNOT et al.

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Application No. 10/567,489

Group 1791

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Examiner R. Kemmerle III

METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PIECE MADE OF SINTERED  
AMORPHOUS SILICA, AND MOLD AND SLURRY USED IN THIS METHOD

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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May 8, 2009

Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the 37 CFR 1.492(d) of \$220 fee for one (1) extra independent claim over three, be credited to counsel's credit card or Deposit Account No. 25-0120, as such fee was charged in excess pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26.

Specifically, on March 12, 2009 Applicants filed an Amendment which included only three (3) independent claims, namely claims 34, 67, and 68. However, the USPTO erroneously charged counsel's credit card \$220 for one extra independent claim over 3. Indeed, a careful review of all other claims will reveal that they are dependent. Claim 46 on line 5 properly depends from claim 34.

Consequently, the USPTO charged counsel's credit card \$220 in excess, and such amount must be refunded.

Respectfully submitted,

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